



## Pre-Construction Notice: Downtown Loop and Municipal Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1: King Street

**Date:** March 3, 2021

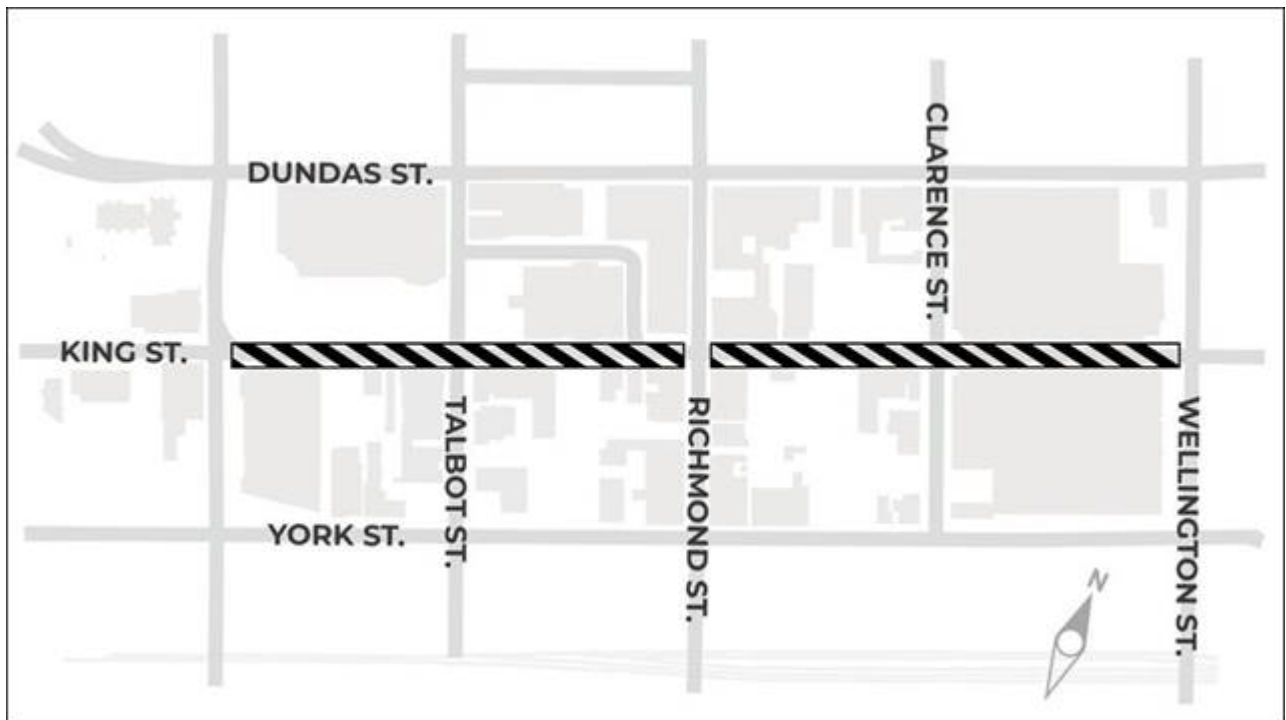
**To:** Resident and/or property owner

The City of London will soon begin construction on Phase 1 of Downtown Loop and Municipal Infrastructure Improvements on King Street, from Ridout Street North to Wellington Street. The Downtown Loop is the first of London's new rapid transit projects and includes curbside bus-only lanes and enhanced rapid transit stops. Future phases of the Downtown Loop include Queens Avenue, Ridout Street North and Wellington Street. Construction of these future phases is planned for 2022–2023.

The project will add new streetscape elements as well as transportation and transit improvements above ground, while repairing and replacing aging sewers, watermains and other underground infrastructure. This letter provides details about the project and what to expect.

### Project Location:

The following map shows the project limits. Work is planned on King Street, from Ridout Street North to Wellington Street.




### Work Details:

- New curbside bus-only lanes
- Two new rapid transit bus stops (at Talbot Street and at Wellington Street)
- Watermain replacement
- Sewer separation to eliminate combined sewer system (between Richmond Street and Wellington Street)
- Sanitary sewer replacement (between Richmond and Wellington)
- Storm sewer replacement (between Richmond Street and Wellington Street)
- Private drain connection renewals
- Utility upgrades
- Streetscape improvements
- Tree removals and replanting (see Appendix B)
- On-street parking and loading adjustments
- Concrete curb replacement
- New asphalt road surface

### Proposed Timeline:

Next steps related to this project are listed below.

- Design completed: December 2020
- Construction contract approval: February 2021
- **Pre-construction notice: March 3, 2021**
- Pre-construction meeting: March 25, 2021 (see details on next page)

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- Construction commencement: April 2021
  - Construction updates will be provided regularly throughout construction
  - Construction completion: December 2021 (with limited spring 2022 carry-over work)

## **Pre-Construction Meeting:**

The City will be hosting a pre-construction meeting on March 25, 2021 via Zoom webinar. The project team will present an overview of how we will be managing the project, including impacts to nearby property owners, businesses and residents. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

When: Thursday, March 25, 2021, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Format: This meeting will be hosted as a Zoom webinar. Visit [getinvolved.london.ca/downtownloop](https://getinvolved.london.ca/downtownloop) for details on how to join.

Who should join: Anyone who lives, works, or owns property in the immediate project area, including nearby side-streets, is invited to participate.

This meeting will be recorded and a link to the recording will be posted to the project website.

## **COVID-19 Update:**

The City of London is proceeding with planned work in partnership with our contractors. We are committed to closely monitoring construction site conditions to ensure compliance with COVID-19 measures recommended by local, provincial, and federal health officials. If you have questions or concerns, please do not approach the contractor. We recommend reaching out to your City Project Manager (contact details are below) in order to minimize direct contact with our project team. All aspects of our projects may be subject to change based on further COVID-19 developments.

## **Transportation Impacts:**

### **Accessibility**

A safe and accessible path of travel will be provided for all pedestrians through or around the construction site. Anyone with questions or concerns about accessibility of the site should contact the City Project Manager (contact details are below).

### **Pedestrians**

Safe and accessible pedestrian facilities will be provided on at least one side of the street at all times. Signage will be installed for any pedestrian detours and to help navigate temporary sidewalk closures.

### **Motorists**

One lane of traffic will be maintained for Stage 1 work between Ridout Street and Richmond Street. Stages 2 and 3 between Richmond Street and Wellington Street will require long duration full road closures. Detour signage will be installed to direct motor vehicle traffic to York Street. Driveway access will be maintained to the extent possible. More information about construction staging and traffic impacts is provided in Appendix F.

### **Cyclists**

During construction, the temporary bike lane on King Street will be removed and cyclists will be directed to Dundas Street.

### **Transit Users**

London Transit (LTC) bus service will be detoured from King Street to York Street during construction. Visit the LTC website ([londontransit.ca](https://londontransit.ca)) for more information.

## **Contact Information:**

The City is committed to keeping you connected and informed during construction. Please reach out to your City Project Manager at any time during construction.

### **City Project Manager**

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City of London  
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## After hours or urgent matters

Name: City of London Dispatch

Phone: 519-661-4965

Email: [es@london.ca](mailto:es@london.ca)

## Project Updates:

### Website

Visit the project webpage ([london.ca/downtownloop](http://london.ca/downtownloop)) to learn more about this construction project, find links to notices and other related content.

### Renew London Interactive Map

[Use the interactive map](#) on Renew London ([london.ca/roadwork](http://london.ca/roadwork)) to search your street name and find current information about your construction project and other city-wide road work.

### Waze Navigation App

[Download Waze](#) ([www.waze.com](http://www.waze.com)), a free community-based traffic and navigation app with local road closure information and real-time traffic alerts to get navigation assistance on the go.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jennie Dann, P. Eng.

Director, Major Projects

Copied: Kelly Scherr, Managing Director and City Engineer, Councillor Kayabaga (Ward 13)



## **Appendix A: General Construction Impacts & Temporary Conditions**

### **Dust, Noise and Vibrations**

You may experience dust, noise, service interruptions and other inconveniences during construction. Construction equipment can also cause vibrations. Please ensure you protect any valuables susceptible to damage.

### **Work Hours**

Work will typically take place from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. It is anticipated that the contractor will need to implement additional shifts and weekend work to meet the project completion dates.

### **Driveway Access and Parking**

Driveway access will be maintained to the extent possible; however, alternate arrangements may be required where driveway access cannot be maintained. If you have any questions or concerns related to driveway access, loading or parking, please contact the City Project Manager.

### **Garbage and Recycling**

Continue to place your garbage and recycling by the curb for collection. The contractor will assist with collecting and transporting your garbage and recycling during construction. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location for pick-up and return them once they are emptied. Please ensure that you label your bins with your address. City staff will be available throughout the project to assist with any collection issues.

### **Building Access and Consent to Enter Forms**

As part of construction, it may be necessary for the contractor to enter your building to complete the installation of some of the new services. For properties that require access, the City will provide a Consent to Enter form to be completed by the property owner. This form should be completed and mailed back to the City using the prepaid envelope, or alternatively, a scanned/photocopy of the completed form can be emailed to [downtownloop@london.ca](mailto:downtownloop@london.ca). This form is for protection of the property owner and indemnifies them from liability.

## **Appendix B: Tree Removals**

An arborist from the project team has inspected the trees along King Street to determine their health condition, review conflicts with construction and to develop a tree preservation and protection plan. A total of 49 trees were inventoried and assessed within the project limits. A Tree Impact Analysis was completed, and recommended removal of 19 trees. The remaining trees will be protected and preserved. New trees will be planted after construction is complete. A block-by-block summary of the tree removals is provided below:

- Ridout Street to Talbot Street – 7 trees
- Talbot Street to Richmond Street – 10 trees
- Richmond Street to Clarence Street – 2 trees



## **Appendix C: Water Services**

### **Temporary Water Service and Water Disruptions**

The City will be replacing water services from the watermain up to the property line as part of this project. Connections to a temporary water supply will be made through exterior taps where possible or at the property line. Minor interruptions of your water supply will occur during this connection and again when connecting to the new watermain, but you will be notified at least 48 hours in advance. If water pressure does not return to normal levels after the completion of the project, please contact Water Repairs at 519-661-4739.

### **Water Billing**

When connected to a temporary water service, your water usage will still be metered and you will continue to be billed for your water usage.

### **Lead Water Service**

Lead water service pipes can be a health hazard. Your area may be a potential lead service area. To find out if your property has a lead water pipe, please call 519-661-4739 or email [leadtesting@london.ca](mailto:leadtesting@london.ca). If you have a lead service, we recommend replacing the private portion of it around the same time as this construction project. This portion of the service from the property line to your building is your responsibility. You would need to hire and pay for your own plumbing contractor to do this work.

### **Flush Water Service**

We recommend that you flush your water service soon after the contractor excavates at your property and replaces the public portion of the service. This will flush out particles that may have come loose during the work. You should remove the aerators from the ends of your faucets, run the cold water for 5 minutes at each tap, then rinse out and re-attach the aerators.

## **Appendix D: Sewer Services**

### **Private Drain Connections (PDCs)**

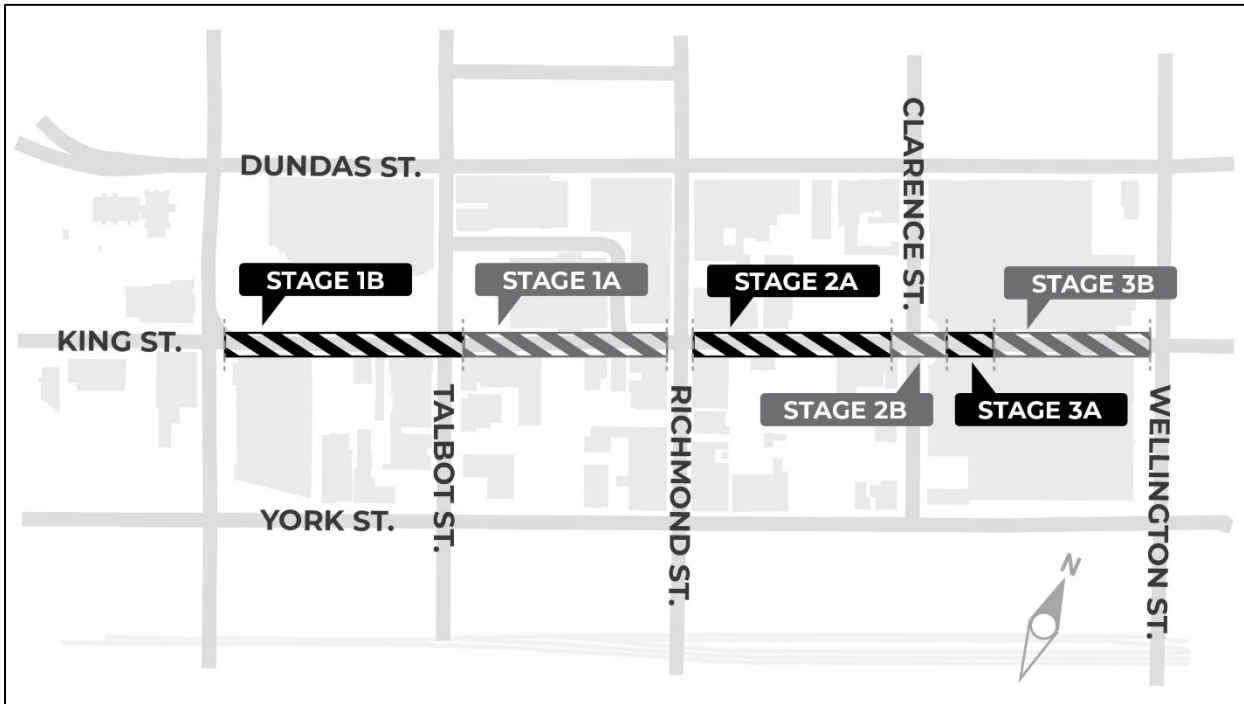
During this construction project the City will replace the sanitary PDC up to the property line. A storm PDC will also be provided for each property up to the property line. Additional information can also be found at [london.ca/sewers](http://london.ca/sewers).

## **Appendix E: Electrical Services**

### **Grounding**

In the event you have lead servicing, this may be a good time for you to hire an electrician, at your cost, to check the condition of your building's electrical ground. In the past the water service pipe was often used to ground the electrical system. This connection can deteriorate over time and an improperly grounded electrical system can be a serious safety risk.

## Appendix F: Construction Staging and Traffic Impacts



Construction will be split up into the following stages in order to minimize the construction impacts on local businesses, residents and the public:

- Stage 1A - Talbot Street to Richmond Street
- Stage 1B - Ridout Street to Talbot Street
- Stage 2A - Richmond Street to Clarence Street
- Stage 2B - Clarence Street intersection to east of Clarence Street
- Stage 3A - East of Clarence Street to east of Citi Plaza parking garage exit
- Stage 3B - East of Citi Plaza parking garage exit to Wellington Street

Stages 1A and 1B will maintain one lane of traffic and loading areas where possible, with short duration closures occurring as required for construction. Stages 2 and 3 will require long duration full road closures. Traffic management plans will provide alternative routes for vehicles, transit and cyclists.

Construction is planned to commence in April on Stages 1A and 2A (concurrently), then proceeding to 1B and 2B, then to 3A and 3B. It is anticipated that construction will continue until December 2021, with limited carryover work in spring 2022.